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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : R. A. Hughes, et al.  
 Serial No : To Be Assigned  
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 For : SMALL CYCLIC MIMICS OF BRAIN DERIVED  
 NEUROTROPHIC FACTOR (BNDF)  
 Art Unit : To Be Assigned  
 Examiner : To Be Assigned

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
 and Trademarks  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows:

### IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 47-52 without prejudice, and amend claims 2-46, as follows:

Claim 2. [A] The compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is monocyclic monomeric, bicyclic dimeric or tricyclic dimeric.

Claim 3. [A] The compound according to claim 2, wherein the compound is a bicyclic dimeric compound of [general] formula. (I):

